



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 97

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 79

Senate, March 21, 2013

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. AYALA, A. of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS IN HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall conduct a study of the provision
3 of emergency backup power at public and private housing for the
4 elderly in the state.

5 (b) The study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An inventory of
6 housing for the elderly in each municipality that includes (A) the total
7 number of housing units for the elderly in each municipality, (B) the
8 location of each housing unit and whether the housing unit is privately
9 or publicly funded, in whole or in part, and, if publicly funded, by
10 what governmental program, and (C) the type of housing unit; (2)
11 plans for the provision of emergency backup power at each building
12 housing the elderly; (3) recommendations for the provision of
13 emergency backup power at each such building; and (4) the estimated
14 cost to provide such emergency backup power at each such building.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Economic
16 and Community Development shall, in accordance with the provisions
17 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing
18 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to aging, housing and public safety concerning the results of
20 the study and recommendations for the funding and provision of
21 emergency backup power at housing for the elderly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(c), ", in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes," was inserted for consistency with the style of the general statutes.

AGE Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	Up to \$1.0 million	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of up to \$1.0 million in FY 14 by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study on emergency power needs at all public and private elderly housing in the state. This estimate is based on a recent study conducted by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority on the capital needs of the 14,000 units in the state-sponsored housing portfolio, which cost approximately \$1.0 million.

The cost may be mitigated to the extent that DECD coordinates this study with local housing authorities and other municipal agencies. Local agencies may have information on (1) the number of elderly housing facilities in their municipality and (2) the emergency power needs of these housing facilities which could be utilized by DECD in this study.

The Out Years

The bill requires DECD to report the results of the study to the committees of cognizance by January 1, 2014. There is therefore no fiscal impact beyond FY 14.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)